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Joyce Bihary

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
 Education: Wellesley 1972 BA; Michigan 1975 JD
 Began Service: September 1, 1987
 Term Expires: September 2015

Legal Practice: Attorney, Alston, Miller & Gaines (1975-1977); Attorney then Partner, Rogers & Hardin (1977-1987)

Current Memberships: American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy; Atlanta Bar Association; The Georgia Consortium for Personal Financial Literacy; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute

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W. Homer Drake, Jr.

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1932
 Education: Mercer 1954 AB, 1956 LLB
 Began Service: September 1, 1964
 Term Expires: May 20, 2013

Academic: Adjunct Professor, School of Law, The University of Georgia (1971-1972); Adjunct Professor, School of Law, Emory University (1973-1975); Walter Homer Drake Professorship of Bankruptcy Law, Mercer University (1996)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Lewis R. Morgan, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia (1961-1964)

Judicial: President, National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (1972-1973); Member, Committee on the Administration of the Bankruptcy System, Judicial Conference of the United States (1989-1995); Founder and Advisor, Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute

Legal Practice: Partner, Swift, Currie, McGhee & Hiers, LLP (1976-1979)

Military Service: Judge Advocate General, United States Army (1956-1959)

Current Memberships: American College of Bankruptcy; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute

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Margaret H. Murphy

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
 Education: Queens Col (NC) 1970 BA; North Carolina 1973 JD
 Began Service: October 19, 1987
 Term Expires: October 18, 2015

Legal Practice: Attorney, Smith, Gambrell & Russell, L.L.P. (1973-1987)

Current Memberships: National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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James E. Massey

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1944
 Education: Emory 1965 BA; Columbia 1968 LLB
 Began Service: November 3, 1993
 Term Expires: November 3, 2021

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1969-1993)

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Robert E. Brizendine

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
 Education: Georgia Tech 1968 BS; Vanderbilt 1971 JD
 Began Service: November 3, 1993
 Term Expires: November 3, 2021

Legal Practice: Scroggins & Brizendine (and predecessor firms) (1971-1993)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1972-1979)

Current Memberships: Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute; State Bar of Georgia

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Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; Atlanta Bar Association; Georgia Association for Women Lawyers; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

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Wendy L. Hagenau

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Lisa Godbey Wood

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1963
 Education: Georgia 1985 BA, 1990 JD
 Began Service: February 2007
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk, District Judge Anthony A. Alaimo, United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia (1990)

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